

## Zoofari 2011 Gets Spotted! – Huge Success for the Zoo

Returning for the 19th year, the Zoofari gala fundraiser on Saturday, August 27, hosted almost 400 guests who were treated to a “wild” time with the theme, “Get Spotted at the Zoo!” The fabulous party in Orange County celebrated the night under the stars at the Santa Ana Zoo where guests began the night by sipping cocktails with one special drink appropriately named “Kitty-Cat Cocktail.” Attendees also enjoyed a large silent auction as well as special visits with the animals.

Guests appreciated free valet parking, sponsored by Villa Ford and a hosted bar by Friends of Santa Ana Zoo (FOSAZ), appetizers, and then a delicious gourmet dinner prepared by Parties by Panache. An extraordinary live auction led by auctioneer Glenn Fladeboe and dancing to the lively tunes of the “Class of 69” followed.

Co-chairs this year were KOCE’s Ed Arnold and philanthropist Sandy Segerstrom



Daniels. Rip and Karen Ribble were honored; Rip for his years of service and generosity as well as his help with building the Friends of the Santa Ana Zoo into a very proactive, professional group and Karen, who has always been at Rip’s side. Whatever project Rip begins, Karen is always there to do whatever she can to provide her support and assistance.

A loving tribute was also held for two



longtime friends of the Santa Ana Zoo: Chuck Dryer and Bud Hurlbut. Both passed away this last year and will be greatly missed; their legacy at the Santa Ana Zoo will live on for decades to come.

The event raised over \$80,000, a record amount, well over this year’s goal and last year’s totals. The money raised will be used to bring a pair of Brazilian Ocelots to the Zoo.

## Did You Know? Ocelots

Ocelots are beautiful “exotic” wild cats from South America, often described as “miniature cheetahs.” There are currently only 26 Brazilian Ocelots in the United States, and we are bringing two to the Santa Ana Zoo. Since 2002, the Santa Ana Zoo has been working with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums’ Brazilian Ocelot Consortium and the government of Brazil to play a role in the ocelot’s survival. The ocelot currently is classified as an endangered species, and the Santa Ana Zoo has been one of ten U.S. zoos involved with the consortium.

The ocelot is said to be a picky eater—even more so than other cats! Other cats remove feathers and fur from

their prey as they eat it, but ocelots pluck off all the feathers and fur from animals that they catch before they eat them!

The scientific name, *Leopardis pardalis*, means “like a leopard,” but there are no leopards in North or South America, where ocelots are found. They actually got their common name from the Aztec word *tlalocelot*, which means “field tiger.”

A male ocelot keeps a territory that overlaps four or five females’ territories so he can easily find a mate. He is not so friendly to his male next-door neighbors, though; male ocelots mark their territories so that all other males know they must stay away!



Artist Rendition of Planned Ocelot Exhibit for the Santa Ana Zoo

## Animal Trading Card



**Common Name:** Golden-headed lion tamarin  
**Scientific Name:** *Leontopithecus chrysomelas*  
**Distinguishing Characteristics:** The golden-headed lion tamarin is a small primate that has black fur over its entire body except for on its head, tail, hands, and feet, where the fur is a golden color. The feet have sharp claws that are useful for gripping, climbing branches, and also for grabbing onto insect meals.

**Habitat:** Golden-headed lion tamarins are found in the tropical forests of Brazil.

**Wild Diet:** Their diet consists of sweet pulpy fruits, insects, and small lizards.

**Facts:** Golden-headed lion tamarins are endangered due to habitat loss. Much of their rain forest habitat has been destroyed due to the transition from farming cocoa to raising cattle and growing other crops.



“The boys have been going to the Zoo together since they were 1 and 2. It’s been amazing watching them discover new and different things as both they and the Zoo grow.” — Kendie Schlecht (Zoo Member)



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## Holidays with the Critters 2011

Come one, come all to our annual holiday family festival, “Holidays with the Critters.” The event is open to the general public on Saturday, December 17, and Sunday, December 18, from 6:00 to 8:00 PM, rain or shine. The Holiday Event prices are \$6 per person or \$3 per Zoo Member. December 18 is Member Appreciation Night for which Members are admitted free.

“Holidays with the Critters” features enchanting animals, beautifully lighted displays, seasonal music, crafts tables, and storytelling, placed all around the Zoo entrance and farm area, which are transformed into a winter wonderland! Along with the crafts and holiday decorations, the evenings will feature seasonal music. SAZOO, our Zoo’s monkey mascot, will make special appearances throughout each evening. Conservation Carrousel and Zoofari Express Train Rides will be available for \$3 each, with combo tickets selling for \$5 each.

Also a special offering of the event, “Dreamnight at the Zoo,” sponsored by Microsemi Corporation, takes place on Friday, December 16, for children living with life-threatening conditions and their families. Our honored guests will receive gifts, free train and carrousel rides, animal encounters, and more! All of the children and their families are warmly welcomed and treated as VIPs. It is a night that the children and their families will always remember!

If you would like to help make our “Dreamnight” an extra special one, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555 x11. For more information on this international event, visit the official “Dreamnight” website at [www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl](http://www.dreamnightatthezoo.nl).

## Zoo Info:

### HOURS:

Gates Open ..... 10 AM  
 Gates Close ..... 4 PM  
 Grounds Close..... 5 PM  
 The Santa Ana Zoo is open daily except Christmas Day and New Year’s Day.

### ADMISSION:

Adults (13+) .....\$8.  
 Children (3-12) .....\$5.  
 Seniors (60+).....\$5.  
 FOSAZ members and children under 2 are FREE.  
 Train Rides.....\$3.  
 Carrousel Rides .....\$3.  
 11 AM-2 PM Every Day (\$5 Combo Tickets for Train & Carrousel available)  
 Subject to change without notice.  
 Call for further information (714) 647-6575.

### TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

**General Information:** (714) 836-4000  
**Education Dept.:** (714) 647-6568  
**Gift Shop:** (714) 542-9650  
**Friends of Santa Ana Zoo:** (714) 953- 8555  
**WEB SITE:** [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org)

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## Special Events 2011/2012

**EVERY THIRD SUNDAY** of the month: FREE ADMISSION for Santa Ana Residents.

**October 16**  
**National Chemistry Week/Chemistry Day** — Chemistry displays sponsored by the American Chemical Society: 11AM-3PM. FREE with price of admission.

**October 22, 23, 28, 29, 30**  
**Boo at the Zoo** — Halloween family festival with trick-or-treating, costumes, lights and decorations, nocturnal animal presentations, train and carrousel rides: 5:30-8PM. Member Discount.

**November 8**  
**FOSAZ Board of Directors Annual Meeting** — 6-8PM.

**November 19-20**  
**University of California Master Gardeners** — Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiast: 11AM to 3PM. FREE with price of admission.

**December 17 and 18**  
**Holidays with the Critters** — Holiday family event with animals, music, holiday crafts and decorations: 6-8PM.

• “Dreamnight” 12/16: special invitation only for children living with life-threatening conditions.

• **City of Santa Ana and Seniors Night 12/17:** City residents, employees, and seniors are admitted FREE. Member Discount.

• **Member Appreciation Night 12/18:** Members get in FREE.

**Feb. 11**  
**Membership Appreciation Day** — Members get \$3 all-day wristbands to ride the train and carrousel, craft tables, and extra discounts: 11-2PM.

**February 18 – 19**  
**University of California Master Gardeners** — Fun activities and helpful information for the gardening enthusiast: 11AM to 3PM. FREE with price of admission.

**March 10 - 11**  
**Zoo Birthday Party** — All-Zoo party with miniature train displays, music, games, and fun: 11AM-2PM – General Public - FREE with price of admission; Members – FREE.

*Dates are tentative and subject to change. For additional information on any event, please contact the Friends of Santa Ana Zoo at (714) 953-8555.*

## Boo at the Zoo 2011



The ghosts are bringing the pumpkins, the monkeys have picked out the candy, and once again the Santa Ana Zoo is excited about presenting another “merry not scary” Boo at the Zoo. These howling good times will take place on Saturday, October 22; Sunday, October 23; Friday, October 28; Saturday, October 29; and Sunday, October 30, from 5:30 to 8:00 PM each evening. For the 21st consecutive year the Zoo will be filled with decorations, treats, games, music, and Halloween Cheer! Boo at the Zoo is an annual tradition held throughout the Zoo and is fun for ghosts and goblins of all ages.

You can trick-or-treat your way through the Zoo, wearing your favorite costume, and then join in the nightly costume parade led by Count SAZOO (the Zoo’s monkey mascot)! You will also be able to meet and learn about some of our interesting and beautiful nocturnal animal friends with live encounters and frightfully fun educational programs. Plus, listen to ghoulishly good Halloween tales and visit the big red barn of our Crean Family Farm.

General Admission is \$12 per person ages 2 and up, and \$6 per Zoo Member ages 2 and up. Children under the age of 2 are free. The Zoo’s train, the “Boo”fari Express, will be making its way around the tracks for \$3 per ride. Also, join us for a spin on the Carrousel for \$3 per ride or a combo ticket for both rides for \$5. Snacks and drinks will also be available for purchase each night by the Tustin-Santa Ana Rotary Club.

For those who are a little older and a little more adventurous, the Zoo will have a haunted house in a separate area (included in the regular price of admission) that is sure to provide chills and thrills for those who dare to enter.

To avoid the lines, tickets will be available online at [www.santaanazoo.org](http://www.santaanazoo.org) (valid any night of the event, nonrefundable – bring receipt to Will Call on the night of the event). Members are half price! You may also purchase tickets at the main gate on the night you attend. For more information please call (714) 953-8555 x12.

See you at BOO!

## The Importance of Accreditation

by Cathi Decker, FOSAZ Executive Director and Kent Yamaguchi, Zoo Director



The Santa Ana Zoo is currently scheduled for its accreditation review with the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA). Accreditation is a very prestigious honor bestowed upon less than ten percent of all animal exhibitors in the country, one of which your Santa Ana Zoo has been for the past decade. Accredited zoos and aquariums have demonstrated the highest standards in animal care and management and also for safety, conservation, education, and visitor services.

The accreditation process includes a detailed application and a meticulous onsite inspection by a team of trained zoo and aquarium professionals. The inspecting team observes all aspects of the institution's operation. Accreditation is then granted or denied at a formal hearing.

The team also supplies a list of recommendations and suggestions for further improvement. Many of the upgrades and additions you may have noticed around the Zoo have come from these lists presented

during past years. Accreditation lasts for five years, at the end of which the zoo or aquarium must re-apply. With your help and support, we've been able to maintain the Santa Ana Zoo at these very high standards, and we hope to be able to continue at this level for many years to come.

## A "Holler Out" to Primate Conservation!

by Dale Frink

It only takes a brief walk among the animals here at the Zoo to realize that we have something special right here in the heart of Orange County. Hard to believe as it is, though, it goes deeper than the flora and fauna of the park itself and much farther than the confines of Prentice Park.

Fewer than ten percent of zoos in the United States are accredited by the Association of Zoos and Aquariums (AZA), and as many of you know, our own Santa Ana Zoo is one of those few zoos that hold this prestigious accreditation. This allows us to participate in projects with other top-quality zoos to which help programs that take place across the country and around the world to preserve animals everywhere and their habitats. Some of the most important programs the Zoo

participates in are the various AZA Species Survival Programs (SSPs). These programs are specifically designed to protect endangered and threatened species by maximizing the health of the gene pool for zoo populations of wild animals.

One of the SSPs in which we are a proud participant is that of the Pygmy Marmoset, the world's smallest true monkey. They weigh less than five ounces! We have the only breeding pair of these primates on the West Coast, and we are hoping they will one day contribute to their species, which is threatened by habitat loss from deforestation in South America. In order to make their lives more comfortable, we are renovating a new home for them where they can thrive and also be seen by visitors, thus

serving as ambassadors of their species.

The most important partners we have in this program, and our other conservation efforts, are you, our outstanding guests! Without your help and your desire to learn and see these species prosper, we would not be able to accomplish such an important task! If you would like to directly contribute to these programs, and help our Pygmy Marmosets, stop by Treetop Toys and check out "Dollar for a Holler!" at the front desk. If you are a member of the Zoo reading this, you might have even lent a helping hand the last time you signed up or renewed! Even though this project will soon be completed, there are no shortage of great environmental causes in the world, and the Santa Ana Zoo is one way you can think globally and act locally.

## KIDS ZONE Zoo Fable #24: The Predator Leopard

Two colobus monkeys were walking through a dangerous area of the coastal forest in Kenya, and one of them said, "I suggest we have a system ready, should we be attacked. I will come to your aid, if you will do the same for me."

"So be it," agreed the friend, and off they went.

They had not gone far when a leopard made a rush for them from behind some brush. The first colobus monkey, who had set forth the rule for them to act on, abandoned his pledge and ran up a tree to hide, leaving his poor friend to deal with the leopard alone. Thinking quickly, the friend fell flat on the ground and held his breath, lying quite still so that the leopard might think him already dead and pursue other prey.

The huge beast came up close to him and felt him with his nose, but as he took him for a dead monkey, he did him no harm.

When the leopard was gone, and all was safe, the other monkey came down from the tree and with a smile asked, "What did the leopard tell you when he put his nose so close up to your ear?"

"Well," said his friend, "what he told me was this - 'Beware of that fool in the tree, and from here forth, put no trust

in him!'"

**Zoo Moral:** Have proof of a friendship before you have the need.

1. **PROALED** (He was the predator.)



2. **KEMONY** (Colobus \_\_\_\_\_)



3. **TYMESS** (They wanted to have this ready.)



**BONUS:**

Now unscramble the letters circled above to find this animal!

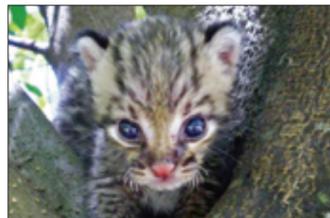


**Hint:** You can find this pygmy type of monkey elsewhere in this newsletter.

*Kids, send your Zoo art (along with your name and age) to: Tom Decker, Friends of Santa Ana Zoo, 1801 E. Chestnut, Santa Ana CA 92701 or e-mail artwork to tdecker@fosaz.org.*

## Ramblings

Ron Glazier, Santa Ana Zoo Director, Retired



Ocelot Baby

Recent success in breeding golden lion and golden-headed lion tamarins, saki monkeys, and crested capuchins is testament to our dedication to conservation. It is also a testament to the dedication of the Zoo's animal keeper staff.

The ocelot habitat will be another featured exhibit in the Amazon Basin section of the Zoo and will continue the development began with the opening of Tierra de las Pampas. Of course, we will have high expectations for baby ocelots following the success of our pair of giant anteaters producing their first baby. Incidentally, if you haven't seen the new baby anteater yet, now is a good time to visit the Zoo as our newest anteater is now out exploring the pampas. As with the ocelot project; the anteaters, in addition to adding a new and unusual animal to our collection, is also a conservation endeavor. As you recall, we imported our breeding pair from Guyana, South America.

Even though we are a small zoo, we do our part in a big way for animal con-

smiling faces of Zoo visitors; and going home each night knowing that they did a great job in making sure the animals in their care are safe, secure, and content.

Actually, you see the same dedication in all the Zoo staff and FOSAZ staff. Once the Zoo gets into your blood, it's hard to get it out. We have also been blessed with wonderful volunteers over the years, some of whom have been with the Zoo as long as 20 years. Matter of fact, Zoofari and the fundraising for the ocelot would not be possible without the assistance of many volunteers, especially volunteer FOSAZ Board members and committee members, and of course, the members of FOSAZ.

The present economy has been hard on city budgets, but fortunately the Santa Ana Zoo has been able to maintain its high standards of animal care and grounds maintenance. We have been able to add new exhibits and animals, and continue our conservation work. This was possible only with the continued support of FOSAZ in taking on additional responsibilities for the various aspects of the Zoo's operations. The Zoo prospers because of the private/public partnership between FOSAZ, the Parks and Recreation Agency, the City of Santa Ana, and Zoo members like you. Despite the difficulties of the times the Santa Ana Zoo remains an urban oasis for families to spend some time together, surrounded by nature's wonderful creatures. And a good time is had by all!

## Animal Updates by Ethan Fisher, Zoo Registrar

Over the summer there were some new additions to the Zoo, both from births and acquisitions. In late June we had our first birth of a golden-headed lion tamarin. This rare primate from Brazil is part of a cooperative breeding program through the Association of Zoos and Aquariums. There is also a colorful new species of bird on exhibit at the north end of the Zoo, the ocellated turkey. The pair of ocellated turkeys is native to the forests of the Yucatan Peninsula in Central America. There are only two species of turkeys in the world, the North American wild turkey and the ocellated turkey from Central America.

Acquisitions in the near future will be pancake tortoises for educational outreach programs; this small unique species from Africa has a flattened shell that helps it to maneuver into rock crevices in its rocky habitat. Fall will also bring the acquisition of some additional birds for the Colors of



the Amazon Aviary and a new species of primate on exhibit.

A new exhibit space has been created in the Exploration Outpost which will house another new reptile. This exhibit space is similar to the room where the frogs are currently housed. It helps create a pseudo-reptile house in the Outpost along with the other amphibians and invertebrates who already call the Exploration Outpost their home.

The reptile exhibit near the Jack Lynch

## Scout Patch Program



Designed for Scout groups, this program combines a variety of nature topics such as animal classification, endangered species and conservation. Topics are chosen to help fulfill requirements for various badges and Try-Its for Cub Scouts and Brownies. Program includes an animal presentation, paper and pencil scavenger hunt, notebook and embroidered patch for the Scouts. Program is offered on select Saturday afternoons from 2-4:30 pm. Fee is \$10 per Scout and \$8 per adult and includes Zoo admission. **Advance reservations are required.**

## National Chemistry Day

Join us on Sunday, October 16 from 11:00 - 3:00 pm for National Chemistry Day. Fun and wacky displays are set up in the Zoo to show you how chemistry improves our quality of life. These displays are free with Zoo admission

## Fun and Education at the Zoo and on its Website!

The Zoo's website contains a wealth of knowledge for teachers, educators, and Scout leaders. On the Education Tab at the Zoo's Home Page (or [www.santaanazoo.org/educatia.htm](http://www.santaanazoo.org/educatia.htm)), you can find educational curriculum for kindergartners and first graders available for download. On the Scout Leaders page, you can find a scavenger hunt with questions and answers. Additional games and scavenger hunts can be found in the

Party Extras area on the website ([www.santaanazoo.org/visinfoe5.htm](http://www.santaanazoo.org/visinfoe5.htm)). The Meet the Animals page contains a hidden SAZOO with a special surprise for those who find him.

Zoo Keys are for sale in the Treetop Toys Gift Shop which can be used to activate the various sound boxes around the Zoo. These stations will enhance your visit with additional fun facts and information about the animals at the Zoo.

## Zoo Education Programs

Join the education staff for some fun and learn about animals and nature firsthand. Call the Education Department at **714-647-6562** for available dates.

## Conservation Education Theater



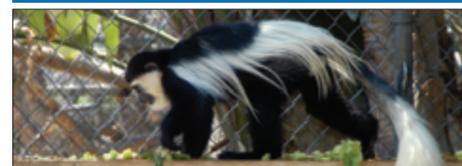
While visiting the Zoo please stop by and enjoy the animal presentations in our Conservation Education Theater. You will learn fascinating facts and be able to "get up close and personal" with animals from our Education Department. These presentations are free with Zoo admission.

**Weekends**  
12:00 & 2:30 pm

## Zoomobile

Treat your child's class to a Zoo program! The Zoomobile is an exciting live animal presentation brought directly to your child's class. The program provides an unusual educational experience blending scientific knowledge with intimate opportunities to study animals. Five animals, chosen from a variety including parrots, birds of prey, snakes, opossums, frogs, hedgehogs and more, are introduced to the class. (If the class size is below 30, touching of chosen animals is included.) The program is available for preschool through high school ages. It has been designed with the California Science Framework in mind. Teachers receive a Zoomobile Curriculum Guide with animal information and activity pages. Call the Education Department at 714-647-6562 for available dates.

## New Colobus Joins Us at the Santa Ana Zoo



While visiting our monkeys here at the Zoo, you may have noticed that our lonely colobus female, Kianga, now has a new friend. Our new male colobus hails from the Sunset Zoo in Manhattan, Kansas, and was born there on 10/5/1998. His name is Uganda, and it was a recommendation of the Species Survival Program for us to acquire him. He really likes the grapevine! Kianga was born here at the Santa Ana Zoo to parents Mocha and Asha, who have since passed on, so she is very excited to have somebody new to hang around with.



Clip and Save

Animal Trading Card